

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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10:00 o'clock a.m.

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. . . Pursuant to notice, the regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission convened at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 1979, in Room 102, Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, Donald F. Wille, Vice Chairman, presiding. . . .

PRESENT WERE:

DONALD F. WILLE, Vice Chairman

J. C. FARRELLY, Member

J. C. GILBERT, Member

H. CLAY LUTTRELL, Member

CHARLES RIGGS, Member

J. BURTON ANGELLE, Secretary

A G E N D A

1. Approval of minutes of May 24, 1979 meeting. (5)

DR. LYLE ST. AMANT

2. Request from Beck-Stein Service, Inc. for a (5)
 permit to remove fill material from the
 Mississippi River at Mile 150.7 AHP,



St. James Parish.

3. Request from T. L. James and Company for (6)
renewal of permit to remove fill material
from the Mississippi River, left side at
Levee Station 2000+00 at Nero, Plaque-
mines Parish.
4. Request from Louisiana Paving Company, Inc. (8)
for renewal of permit to remove sand
fill from the Mississippi River at
Poydras, St. Bernard Parish.
5. Request from Pearce & LeBlanc, Inc., for a (9)
permit to remove fill material from the
Mississippi River in the vicinity of
Darrow, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish,
at a point above 177.5 miles AHP and
between approximate Levee Stations
2620 and 2670.
6. Request from Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical (10)
Corporation for renewal of permit to
remove fill material from Profit Island
Chute of the Mississippi River, East
Baton Rouge Parish.

MR. ALLAN ENSMINGER



7. Nomination of mineral leasing on St. Tammany Wildlife Refuge. (12)

8. Setting of 1979-80 trapping season dates. (15)

MR. JOE HERRING

9. Lease renewal on Union Wildlife Management Area. (19)

10. Setting of 1979-80 seasons and bag limits on resident game. (28)

OTHER BUSINESS

11. Consider request by Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control to occupy office space at 400 Royal Street. (43)

12. Set date for July meeting. (45)

NOTE: The following items not on the printed agenda were also considered:

Recognition award to former Commission Member Marc Dupuy, Jr. (20)

Announcement of departure of Assistant Secretary Richard Yancey. (25)

Announcement of promotion of Joe Herring to position of Assistant Secretary. (26)

Recommendation re continuity of appointments. (45)

Legislative report, Secretary Angelle. (47)

Notice of Bayou Dorcheat appeal hearing. (51)



CHAIRMAN DONALD F. WILLE: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. We will start our meeting off by approval of the minutes of the May 24 meeting. Do I have a motion?

MR. LUTTRELL: I so move.

MR. RIGGS: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Luttrell, seconded by Mr. Riggs. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Motion passed.

Dr. St. Amant.

DR. ST. AMANT: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, we have five items today. Two are new requests for permits and three are renewals. I will go over them individually.

The first one is a request by Beck-Stein Services, Inc. to remove fill material from the Mississippi River at Mile 150.7 AHP in St. James Parish. Now this is a new operation by it is similar to all the others and we have examined it. We would recommend that a permit be issued for one year at ten cents a yard.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do we have a motion?



MR. RIGGS: I so move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Riggs,
seconded by Mr. Luttrell. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the
resolution is here made
a part of the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission does hereby grant per-
mission to BECK-STEIN SERVICE, INC.
to remove fill material from the
Mississippi River, St. James Parish,
Louisiana, for a period of one year
from June 26, 1979 to June 26, 1980,
at a royalty rate of ten cents per
cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: Item 2 is a renewal per-
mit for T. L. James & Company to continue to remove



fill material from the Mississippi River at Levee Station 2000 at Nero in Plaquemines Parish. This has been operating satisfactorily and I would recommend that the permit be renewed at the same rate of ten cents a yard for one year, gentlemen.

MR. GILBERT: I will so move.

MR. FARRELLY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Farrelly. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to T. L. JAMES & COMPANY to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, left side at Levee Station 2000+00 at Nero, Plaquemines Parish,



Louisiana, for a period of one year from June 26, 1979 to June 26, 1980, at a royalty rate of ten cents per cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: The third item is a request by Louisiana Paving Company, Inc. for renewal of a permit at Poydras in St. Bernard Parish. This permit has been operating satisfactorily and I would recommend it be renewed for one year at ten cents.

MR. GILBERT: I so move.

MR. RIGGS: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Riggs. All in favor?

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries



Commission does hereby grant permission to LOUISIANA PAVING COMPANY, INC. to remove sand fill from the Mississippi River, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from June 26, 1979 to June 26, 1980, at a royalty rate of ten cents per cubic yard.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, Number 5.

DR. ST. AMANT: Item No. 4 is a request from Pearce & LeBlanc, Inc. to remove fill material from the Mississippi River in the vicinity of Darrow, Louisiana at Mile 177.5. This is a new permit. We have examined it and there is no problem with it. I would recommend that the permit be granted for one year at ten cents.

MR. LUTTRELL: So move.

MR. RIGGS: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Luttrell, seconded by Mr. Riggs. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

Motion passed.



(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to PEARCE & LEBLANC, INC. to remove fill material from the Mississippi River in the vicinity of Darrow, Louisiana in Ascension Parish at a point about 177.5 miles AHP and between approximate Levee Stations 2620 and 2670, for a period of one year from June 26, 1979 to June 26, 1980, at a royalty rate of ten cents per cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: The final one is a request by Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation for renewal of a permit to remove material at Profit Island Chute of the Mississippi River above Baton Rouge. This one has been operating satisfactorily. I would recommend it be renewed for one year at ten cents.



MR. FARRELLY: I so move.

MR. GILBERT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Farrelly,
seconded by Mr. Gilbert. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

Motion passes.

(The full text of the
resolution is here made
a part of the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Com-
mission does hereby grant permission
to KAISER ALUMINUM & CHEMICAL CORPORATION
to remove fill material from Profit
Island Chute, Mississippi River, East
Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, for a
period of one year from June 26, 1979
to June 26, 1980, at a royalty rate of
ten cents per cubic yard.

THE CHAIRMAN: That's all we have, Doc?

DR. ST. AMANT: That's all I have.



THE CHAIRMAN: Fine, thank you, Dr. St. Amant.

Allen, I am waiting for Burt to get back. Marc, I am not trying to hold you up, I am waiting for Burt to get back here.

MR. ENSMINGER: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, we have two items for your consideration today.

The first is the nomination of a tract of land that belongs to the Department known as the St. Tammany Wildlife Refuge over in St. Tammany Parish for mineral leasing by the State Mineral Board and Department of Natural Resources. This is a tract of land that the Department purchased back in the early 1930s from the Great Southern Lumber Company, along with other properties in that area that are now the Fontainebleau State Park and the hospital grounds for Southeast Louisiana Hospital.

Our Department, through the process of evolution of the old department and what-have-you, ended up with the marshlands which lay along the northeast corner of Lake Pontchartrain. At the



time that we purchased the land there was only about 1,300 or 1,400 acres. Some erosion has occurred and we probably have somewhere around 1,000 to 1,200 acres in there now.

This acreage is in a prospect area of the Tuscaloosa Trend and consequently we probably will receive a very substantial offer for the lease on it. There are privately owned marshlands behind our area between the lakeshore and the high land, which would provide access in there with a board road system from the dry land area, and of course the water bottom area out in Lake Pontchartrain could be leased and a marine access established from that side.

We would recommend to the Board that you approve the Mineral Board advertising this tract for lease in the August sale. If we do not receive a substantial consideration at that time, then of course the Commission would have the authority to request that it not be leased by the Mineral Board. Certainly I would think that it would be wise if you all elect to put this tract up that someone represent the Commission, go to the opening of the



bids on the August 8 sale and decide whether you feel like we should sell it for the price that will be offered to the Mineral Board at that time.

At that time they have the various geologists and people from the Mineral Board staff that would help advise you whether it was a good offer or not.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very good. Shall we go ahead and name someone from the committee on the Mineral Board? Is that what we are supposed to do, the committee on the Mineral Board that will go to the opening?

MR. ENSMINGER: Well, Don, of course you have a mineral committee of the Commission and I would suggest that some one or all, if they all would be interested in going, to attend that thing.

THE CHAIRMAN: What we will do is record it in the minutes today that any one of the Mineral Board Committee members may attend or any one individual from the Mineral Board Committee, so that they will be authorized to attend.

MR. ENSMINGER: Right. I think it would be well and it certainly would be an interesting



meeting for you to attend.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very good. Thank you, Allen. Do we have a motion on the floor for nomination of mineral leasing in St. Tammany Wildlife Refuge? Do I have --

MR. LUTTRELL: Mr. Chairman, I move that we put this section of land up for lease and that we accept your recommendations on the Mineral Committee attending the meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Clay, Mr. Farrelly had made a motion down there, so I will put you as seconding the motion. Is that all right?

MR. LUTTRELL: That's fine.

THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

No nays so we will say the motion is passed.

MR. ENSMINGER: O. K., the next item I have for your attention today is the establishment of the 1979-80 trapping season. Yesterday I had distributed to you gentlemen a tabulation of our



last year's fur take. You can see from the tabulation that we had about a 25 percent overall reduction in the number of pelts taken. The nutria were considerably down. We had about a 33 percent reduction in the overall catch of nutria, which is our staple fur, it and muskrat.

We anticipate and our technicians in the field are saying that it looks like they are going to have a little better season this coming year, so hopefully we will have a fairly lucrative trapping season. It is a very important part of our coastal economy, as all of you are quite well aware. In some years we have gone as high as \$25 million worth of fur to the coastal communities and somewhat in north and central Louisiana.

We have for years established the opening of the season on the first of December, run it through the end of February. There is some feeling in north Louisiana that the season should close a little earlier. The southern part of the state, of course, would like to have the season run as late as possible because most of the nutria do not prime up until late winter. We have had a couple



of experimental seasons where we did open somewhat earlier and close earlier in north Louisiana, and it presented a real problem to our enforcement division to determine where the fur was being harvested.

So, we would like to recommend that this year's season be the same as last year, open on the first of December and extend through the month of February.

MR. RIGGS: I move we open the trapping season December 1 and close it February 28, as recommended by Mr. Ensminger.

MR. LUTTRELL: I second the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Fine. I have a motion by Mr. Riggs, a second by Mr. Luttrell. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

Motion carries.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)



BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the trapping season for nutria, beaver, mink, muskrat, otter, raccoon, opossum, skunk, bobcat and fox for the 1979-80 season, from December 1, 1979 through February 29, 1980.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if additional time is required to prevent the overpopulation of nutria and muskrat in some areas, recommendations for an extended season be presented to the Commission's January, 1980, Board meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., Mr. Angelle is back now.

SECRETARY ANGELLE: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Joe, can we have the first part, the lease renewal, and we are going to try to do something else. Can we just kind of switch the agenda a little bit?

MR. HERRING: Sure, that will be fine.



The first item will be a lease renewal from Olin-Mathieson Corporation of 11,192 acres, which is in our wildlife management area. This the lease renewal of the lands that they have in there for a period of ten years.

I would like to state that this is free to the Commission, like all of our other lands we have in these upland wildlife management areas, and in getting this renewal we certainly should commend the company for letting us have this. Incidentally, we do have the district supervisor for that area, Mr. Cliff Williams, with us today, who has worked with that company very well up there as well as a lot of the other companies in District Two in keeping our program going there.

I would like to recommend to the Commission then that we do accept this land and also that a letter follow to Olin-Mathieson, thanking them for their lease and telling them how important it is for our wildlife management program we have in the state.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Do we have a motion?



MR. FARRELLY: I so move.

MR. LUTTRELL: I second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., moved by Mr. Farrelly and seconded by Mr. Luttrell. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any negative votes?

(No response)

So ordered.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: The next thing we are going to put on the agenda here -- I didn't recognize him when the meeting started here, but, first of all, I would like to say that Mr. Berry would be here normally to present this but he is off on some business and will be back probably about one o'clock. Mr. Marc Dupuy, who served on this Commission for six years, is with us today and we enjoyed a little fellowship with him last night. We enjoyed a lot of fellowship, right.

It is kind of with mixed emotions that you come up with something like this, that a man is leaving the Commission. He has done a tremen-



dous job. We feel that he has been a real asset to the Department as well as to the Commission. We feel that he has done a lot for wildlife, a lot for conservation. I think he has got a whole lot to look back on and be proud of as far as serving on this Commission. He served as Board Member, Vice Chairman and Chairman of this Commission, and it is with mixed emotions that I would present this little resolution to Marc. I am going to give it to the Secretary so he won't choke up when he reads it.

SECRETARY ANGELLE: I didn't know I was going to read this, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: You are just going to read the first and last paragraphs and then we will enter it into the minutes, because it is kind of long, Marc. However, there is no way we could put six years into one piece of paper, you know that.

SECRETARY ANGELLE: The resolution is signed by all the members of the Commission. It states:

"Marc Dupuy, Jr. served as a



member of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission from February 1, 1973 until February 2, 1979, at which time his successor was appointed by Governor Edwards to fill the vacancy on the Commission brought about by the expiration of his six-year term on the Commission.

"During his time on the Commission he served as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Commission . . . "

And all these other good things, it goes on to say and finally at the end here it says,

"The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does this date adopt this resolution and express its gratitude as well as the thanks of the entire staff of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for his services, integrity and continuing interest in the cause of Wildlife and Fisheries resources and their proper management."

It is signed by all members of the Commission.



Mr. Marc, would you come up and accept the resolution here. The people of Marksville can be real proud of you.

THE CHAIRMAN: We also have a little plaque and a picture, and we have got our photographer here, MacFadden Duffy, with his expensive camera there.

(Presentation of award here
photographed.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me just read this plaque to you. "Presented to Marc Dupuy, Jr., in recognition of outstanding service as a member of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in the management of Louisiana's natural resources, from February, 1973 to February, 1979."

MR. MARC DUPUY, JR.: Thank you very much, Don and Burt and gentlemen of the Commission.

It has been quite a privilege and a pleasure for me to serve on this Commission.

(Photograph presented to Mr. Dupuy)

MR. DUPUY: I will say there is nothing cheap about it, when you get the frame, too!

SECRETARY ANGELLE: We try to get rid of



you real good.

MR. DUPUY: You surely are doing it!

Mr. Secretary, I feel a little bit embarrassed. I don't have any gun or uniform to turn in to you. I don't have a badge or anything like that, but I do at least have something that to a Board member and a lawyer at that, that I would say would be equally effective, and so at this time I would like to turn back to you my telephone credit card!

THE CHAIRMAN: You may want to keep that around for a while, Marc, until it expires, anyway!

SECRETARY ANGELLE: Much more valuable now is the fuel credit card I have been looking for!

MR. DUPUY: You might notice that it is with some reluctance that I am giving it back to you. I can't get it out of my wallet!

Gentlemen, it has been a very, very enjoyable six years here. Time has passed very quickly, but the years have certainly enriched my life, not financially, because it has cost many thousands of dollars to serve the State, but I have



tried my best to represent both the hunter and the non-hunter, to the best of my ability. At least I have tried to do it fairly. It has really been a pleasure to have served with all of you gentlemen and with all the professional staff, and through the years I will certainly look back at these years.

I want you to know that I will certainly be continuing my interest. I will be around, not to criticize, but to help and to support you, and I wish you the very best of luck with the new crisis of environmental reorganization in government.

Thank you so very much.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Marc.

(Applause)

We have one other member, Mr. Richard Yancey, and I am going to turn it over to Mr. Angelle here in just a second.

As most everybody here in the room knows, Mr. Yancey is leaving to go to Mississippi, and it is with equal regret that we lost Mr. Yancey after 30 years of service to this Department and Commission. He has been most invaluable as a



biologist and I think he has done a tremendous job. I know that we are all going to miss him.

Dick would be here today himself but he had a personal problem that he had to take care of and had to go back to Baton Rouge last night.

I am going to turn it over to Burt and let you know what is going on. We have an appointee to replace Mr. Yancey, too, and I am going to let Burt tell you about that.

SECRETARY ANGELLE: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, I think you have covered it, Mr. Chairman, except for one thing, and that would be the replacement of Mr. Yancey. As you have said, we are all going to miss him. However, he is not going to be too far and I know that he will cooperate with us in continuing the enhancement of our fish and wildlife resources.

I discussed the appointment of his replacement with the Governor yesterday. It is a Governor's appointment, by the way; it is a non-classified job, and we have chosen Mr. Joe Herring, Chief of our Game Division, to replace Mr. Yancey. Mr. Herring goes on leave of absence.



Hopefully when the next Governor comes in, October, November or whenever he is sworn in, he will leave Mr. Herring in that position. So be it. If he chooses not to keep Mr. Herring as Assistant Secretary, then Joe has an opportunity to go back to his position as Chief of the Game Division.

Joe, effective July 1, you are on board and we welcome you. I think it is a wise choice, with your many years of dedication. We can all admire you and welcome aboard.

(Applause)

By the way, Joe, this comes with the Governor's blessing.

MR. HERRING: I just want to thank you, Mr. Angelle, the Commission and the Governor for the confidence there. We call Richard "Bigfoot" sometimes, and it is going to be hard to fill his shoes there, but we will do the best we can for that period of time. We certainly have lost a good man there, the best waterfowl man in the whole United States, so we have really lost something in our Department. We will just do the best we can. I thank everybody for their confidence and the



appointment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Joe, while you are up there, you can just go right into the 1979-80 seasons, if you will.

SECRETARY ANGELLE: Joe, I might add also that every member of the Commission agrees with our choice, so you are coming in with a lot of support.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, sir. It kind of puts butterflies in you to start all this now. Usually when I get up here with these seasons and recommendations, I don't mind arguing a little bit.

Marc, I didn't get everything you got now. You got a bunch of goodies and I didn't get all those goodies!

THE CHAIRMAN: We are going to give you some goodies here in a minute! A package of gum and some gumdrops!

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, a lot of work has gone into the setting of these seasons. I would just like to make one comment. We are already kind of making recommendations for 1980-81 season. Believe it or not, we already have files started on seasons



that come up even a couple of years from now, so these are not something just hastily put together, when we say we have got to work out some hunting seasons and put them together. It is a lot of hard work from a lot of people that has gone into this.

THE CHAIRMAN: Joe, just because we promoted you, now don't take the job so seriously that you get a year ahead of us, please.

MR. HERRING: O. K. We will calm down then. Anyhow, we have a lot of correspondence that has gone into this. For the audience here and the public and the press, we have had three public hearings over the State, which the Commission members did attend, to see how the people felt about hunting seasons. We have had numerous meetings with our staff personnel and also Commission members in putting all this together.

Before we get into it, I certainly want to thank some of the staff members for putting all these maps together that we are going to show for these seasons. Two in particular, we have Mr. Jerry Ferrer, who is our deer study leader, and Mr.



Dan Dennett, sitting here, who is our state turkey study leader. They have worked day and night putting all this stuff together, and I certainly want to thank them.

If it is all right with the Commission, we won't go into all of these maps and things in detail because it is very lengthy. I would like to ask Mrs. Kit Chamberlin, court recorder, though, to add this packet that we have into the minutes of the meeting. We will furnish the press and anyone else who desires copies. From that then, we will just take the resident game briefly. From that we will go into the deer seasons, turkey season, wildlife management areas and migratory species, all except waterfowl.

Our recommendations on quail would be November 22 to February 28. On rabbit, October 6 to February 28. Squirrel, October 6-January 6. Bear, October 20-October 28. That is your small game residents, Mr. Chairman.

We will now get into the big deer season. Here is a map showing all the areas that we have. Without going into a lot of detail, we have the



area map, we have the still hunting map, and we have a doe season map here. I would like to say that we have very few changes. There are no major changes from last year. From the correspondence we have had and the public hearings, we have basically gone around the seasons we had last year. It seemed like a lot of people were fairly well pleased with that. We made some clarifications on boundaries and some clarification in the reading on dog hunting and a few things like that, but we basically kept it as last year and we think these are a good set of recommendations.

We will just look at Area 1 up here. These was a little change in this corner (indicating), right in there, for clarification on a boundary. In that we have 56 days. That is nine days, November 10-18 for still hunting, 17 days, November 23-December 9, with or without dogs, and 30 days, December 15-January 13, with or without dogs.

Area 2 then is the same except that little change in the clarification up between six, one and two, in that boundary there, so it is two and three



now. They have the same days, 59 days. Rather than just reading them all out, I think the people in the audience can see that and the Commission members can see it, so we will just go for brevity here.

Area 4 in the Florida Parishes, there was a clarification on the boundary. In the bottom part of it there we did carry some boundaries on to Lake Pontchartrain, so we do have a clarification there. As far as the days then, we had some requests that the people could go into January for a season, so we did. We took some days from the still hunt at the front, put them on the end and gave the people some days into January which they had requested in Area 4.

Area 5. All this area is still hunting only. It has been a traditional still hunting area in the state with no dogs, and the boundaries remain the same in Area 5.

In Area 6 we have 35 days. It is all with or without dogs in there. It is the shortest season we have, with 35 days. It is a small area in East Carroll Parish there, where the deer range



is good and where we have the deer population, so it does have the shorter season.

That is basically the deer season without going into details on each area with the doe season. I just ask that everyone look at the map where we do have the doe seasons, to see the length of those seasons. They do vary a little bit in there but we feel like we do have to have these doe seasons to help control deer populations in many of the areas of the state.

The Wildlife Management Areas then basically stay the same as they did last year. We have provided as much hunting opportunity on these areas as we could because these are the only areas many of the sportmen of our state have a place to go hunt, so we did make the seasons as lengthy as we could without hurting any populations and try to give the best hunter opportunity for the sportsmen there. There are some 35 of those wildlife management areas throughout the state for public use, and I would like to say they are free of charge to our sportsmen.

Next then we will take up the turkey



seasons. You can see there is a big change in our turkey map of the state from years past when we only had only about two little-bitty areas of the state open. Now possibly a third of the state or better is open for turkey hunting now, thanks to the turkey studies we have going on in the state, the trapping and transplanting program where we move turkeys from one area to the other. We feel that we will be doing the same with turkeys that we have done with deer. About 25 years ago we didn't have deer hunting in all the state and we do now, so we feel like where we have suitable habitat, we will do the same with the turkeys.

We did add an additional area to LaSalle Parish between U. S. Highway 84 -- I will point those out then -- between Highway 84 and Highway 500. What this did, it just increased the hunting season there. In Areas B and G last year, they have been united into one area this year. It has eliminated a small isolated spot in there and did make a much larger area for hunting there.

Area C, we had all of St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes opened, and this increased the



open area for hunting and also clarified the boundaries that we had in there.

Area E, the season was cut from last year, when we had 38 days, to 26 days this year because of the floods in that area.

Area I has added two days to the season and that was more or less because of a calendar adjustment, and that is why all of our seasons this year, we have kept them more or less like last year but we did have to make adjustments on the calendar. Also there has been a reduced season length because of the flood.

That pretty well covers basically the turkey season. If anyone has any questions to ask on that, on the resident game, on the deer seasons, turkey seasons, I will be glad to try to answer them.

Mr. Chairman, we have some other recommendations we would like to bring to the Commission. These are the migratory species, which includes teal, dove, rail, gallinule, snipe and woodcock. What we are recommending today is not, you might say, final. Mr. Larry Soileau, who is our research



leader, and myself, went to Washington this past week, Larry representing the technical section of the Southeastern Dove Committee, and I went as a representative of the Southeastern Directors Committee on Doves. We went over the recommendations with the Fish and Wildlife Service pertaining to these seasons and bag limits.

They are recommending no changes in the framework that they are giving us from last year. So, with this, we can go ahead and set our seasons. It will not be permanent until we get the final notification of Fish and Wildlife Service after they advertise their recommendations in the Federal Register. So, from the time we went up, it will be at least 30 days before we hear from it, but we would like to make these recommendations. We feel like they will not make any changes and this will help us in getting our pamphlets out much quicker to the sportsmen.

What we did on all of these seasons was change it one day with the calendar. Teal season, which opened on a Friday last year to get the nine days, it just so happens by moving it one day, we



can open it Saturday this time and get the nine days through Sunday, September 22-30.

The other seasons are calendar changes, dove, rail, gallinule, snipe and woodcock.

I would also like to say that in our meeting in Washington we had very little opposition this year from the anti-hunters. Maybe they were all over in Bonn, Germany, at the migratory meetings there. From what I hear, they must have been. But there were two groups that did speak against us there. One was the Committee for the Preservation of the Mourning Dove, and the other was the Defenders of Wildlife. Last year there were about five groups that spoke. This year, I think with the information that our research people have done in the Southeast and a new study that we have initiated in the Southeast on the September nesting doves, that they had very little argument against it this year.

Last year when I was making these recommendations, I was certainly afraid that we would have an injunction filed on us prior to the season. This year it doesn't like they will but you still



have to be prepared. But I think with the information we have, they will go along with us now and really not try to stop anything until this study is over, but we still have to watch, keep our information together and certainly be ready for any court cases that we could have in the Southeast on this.

You have copies of those recommendations. We have them for the press and everyone. If they look satisfactory to you, then that would be our recommendation, and if all of them look satisfactory to you, that would be the recommendations of the staff for the Game Division.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, gentlemen, we have a recommendation to adopt the 1979-80 hunting seasons for game, basic game, big game, and migratory. Do I have a motion?

MR. LUTTRELL: Mr. Chairman, I move that we accept the recommendations of our biologists and adopt the seasons and bag limits as stated by them.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do I have a second?

MR. RIGGS: Second.



THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Luttrell, seconded by Mr. Riggs. All in favor?

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

If not -- did you want some discussion on this, Burt?

SECRETARY ANGELLE: Just an observation, Mr. Chairman. As you know, yesterday we received the license from the Corps of Engineers on 12,000 acres that will now be under our management. We may want to consider taking that in as part of the Red River or Three Rivers and maybe let the same rules apply to that.

MR. HERRING: We had a map here yesterday showing that mitigation land between Red River and Three Rivers.

SECRETARY ANGELLE: Mr. Clay, do you have a copy of that?

MR. LUTTRELL: Yes, I do.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Clay may show it to the audience then. It is not a very big map.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., we have adopted



the ratification of the hunting regulations.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would ask then that the court recorder enter this packet that we will furnish her, enter it as a part of the minutes there.

THE CHAIRMAN: You bet.

(The full and complete "1979-80 Hunting Seasons" document, detailed in 35 pages, is appended hereto and made a part hereof.)

MR. HERRING: I suppose for the last 11 or 12 years people coming to the Commission meetings and Commission members and all have heard of mitigation, mitigation, mitigation, so we have it now. The Fish and Wildlife Service and the Corps of Engineers have acquired these tracts of land marked in here. We do have a 25-year easement on them for wildlife management purposes, so it will be turned over to us now for wildlife management purposes. It will increase those land holdings in lower Concordia Parish to, a rough estimate,



about 65,000 acres now for public hunting. I think we can see that this is another boon there to our wildlife management area program. As we are losing a lot of land to land clearings, agricultural purposes, urbanization, what-have-you there, we have been losing a lot of the good wildlife habitat and we are coming back and getting some areas here that the public can come in and hunt on free of charge.

This is something that the Commission has been working on for years. As I mentioned a while ago, we should give Olin some recognition, here we should give the Commission some recognition for standing up for so long and being so patient with these people in getting these mitigated lands.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me ask you something, Joe. This acquisition, how close does that put us to the million-acre mark?

MR. HERRING: Somewhere around 100,000 acres in there.

THE CHAIRMAN: If we get another 100,000 acres, we are going to be hitting the million mark of leased and owned lands.

MR. HERRING: It may be a little less than



100,000 but it is right close to it. It is so close that normally, if you had asked me how much land we had, I would say a million acres. We are pretty close to it. That is in the game management areas and then we have much more land in Allen's refuges.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think that when we mention it, Mr. Secretary, and I am sure you will in the next CONSERVATIONIST magazine, I think we ought to let the people know how many total acres we do have. This is getting pretty close to a million and I think our goal on the Commission was to try and get a million acres of land.

SECRETARY ANGELLE: That is the first million.

THE CHAIRMAN: Right, then we will start working on the second but we have got the goal of the first million first.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, you might notice, too, in our hunting and fishing brochure, for public information we have started putting the game management areas, the companies involved, that is the major companies, we can't list all the



40s, 20s, everything, and then the size of the area. That is listed in the pamphlet if you want to see how big these areas are. You can just look in the pamphlet.

MR. GILBERT: I would like to make one comment, Mr. Chairman. This lease with the Corps of Engineers whereby they provided the 12,000 acres runs for 25 years and it also has a 25-year option, so we do have it for a total of 50 years, which I think is significant.

MR. HERRING: Thank you for bringing that out. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Joe, and congratulations to you.

Under other business, Mr. Angelle, we are going to consider a request by the office of Alcoholic Beverage Control to occupy space in this building at 400 Royal Street.

SECRETARY ANGELLE: For your consideration, Mr. Chairman and Members of this Commission, the Office of the ABC Board, within the Department of Public Safety, has requested space on the second floor of this building. They are willing to pay us



\$500 a month. I need a motion from this Board to approve or disapprove the request.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, gentlemen, a motion is in order.

MR. FARRELLY: I so move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Farrelly has made the motion, Mr. Luttrell has seconded. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

All right, Mr. Secretary, you can rent, and that deal on the first month's rent, you work out, right?

MR. LUTTRELL: Mr. Chairman, after you set the July meeting dates, may I have about two minutes?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir. Do you want me to time you?

MR. LUTTRELL: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: I am only kidding! We have got two here and two there.



The July meeting, have we come up with any recommendations on that yet? O. K., that will be held on July 23 and 24. Does anybody have any difficulty with that on the Commission? If not, I need a motion.

MR. RIGGS: I move we set our meeting dates for July 23 and 24.

MR. FARRELLY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Riggs and seconded by Mr. Farrelly. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

O. K., our meeting will be July 23 and July 24.

Mr. Luttrell, you have the floor.

MR. LUTTRELL: Yes, Mr. Chairman. It is with reluctance that I make the statement I am going to make and I hope that the people I am referring this to will take it in the manner in which I intend to make it.

We have lost a very great man but we have gained a very good one to take his place. Now



that is going to happen several times. My recommendation would be this, that all the governors, whoever they might be, whoever might be elected, very seriously consider leaving the promotions in the Department as it has been set up by our own members.

I would like that to go in the record, regardless of who it is, so that we can have continuous good service like we have had, that that new Governor consider very seriously, whoever he might be, leaving these stations as Mr. Angelle and the people have so wisely promoted them.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is very good, Mr. Luttrell, and I think that we would be in line in putting it in the minutes. I don't think that it would change any governor's mind if he decided he was going to make some changes, but at least he would know that we respect the changes that have been made.

MR. LUTTRELL: And if the rest of the Commission concurs with me, I would feel mighty proud if they would stay with me on this.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, do you want to put



that in the form of a motion?

MR. LUTTRELL: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., there is a motion on the floor. Do I have a second?

MR. RIGGS: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Riggs. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?

(No response)

Motion carries. Mr. Angelle.

SECRETARY ANGELLE: I will be happy to forward a resolution to all governor candidates, coming from the Commission.

MR. LUTTRELL: Thank you. I hope that they don't think that I --

SECRETARY ANGELLE: For their consideration.

THE CHAIRMAN: It might make some of our unclassified employees feel a little more secure.

SECRETARY ANGELLE: A couple of things I would like to run by the Board for the benefit of the public.



As you know, the legislature is in session. So far, in money appropriated, I think we are in very, very good shape. They have provided us with hopefully enough money to operate our Department fully for another fiscal year. We may have to amend the appropriation to take care of the upward trend of the cost of fuel, and that is presently in the Senate Finance Committee and that is being done.

On the other side of the story, on capital outlay, we have been fortunate so far in getting the legislature to agree to provide us some money, half a million dollars, for planning and land acquisition for a site for a new headquarters office here in Orleans Parish. I have discussed this with the Governor's office in negotiating with the people of New Orleans and the University of New Orleans hopefully for a site on the LSUNO Campus. It is very well situated, somewhere about halfway between our Lakefront Airport and the wharf, the marine support system.

Also with that they have approved a \$2 million land acquisition program immediately



for the Iowana Tract, which is located right south of the Pearl River Game Management Area. That is being appraised at this time.

They have also approved \$19 million in the omnibus bond bill for land acquisition purposes on a different priority.

We had a pretty good week last week with the legislature and hopefully this extra \$20 million that we are receiving for land acquisition will then probably put us over the million mark if we can find the proper properties to buy at the proper price.

A very, very short legislative report. Many, many other bills that have gone through the House that are now up for consideration by the Senate committee. We will be there. About 15, 18, 20 bills that the legislature will be considering.

We have fared very, very well. Once the session is over, I will give you a full report of just what has been adopted.

We talk about millions and millions. You know, I am a country boy. We used to talk about pennies and nickels and dollars, not millions,



but I heard someone explaining how much a million dollars was and just how much a billion dollars was. Some of you might have heard it, but if I were to give Jerry Ferrer a million dollars, it would take him two years and nine months to spend it at the rate of \$1,000 a day. That would be one million dollars. You compare that to a billion dollars -- and we are looking at a \$4 billion budget in the State of Louisiana, one billion relates to if you had given St. John the Baptist one billion dollars and he had started spending it at the rate of \$1,000 per day back in those days and he would have spent it every day up to 1979, he would still have 679 years to go at \$1,000 a day to spend one billion dollars. That is what one billion dollars is.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is very good. Do you know of anybody that has got a billion they can spare? I would sure like to have 679 years to spend it.

Is there anything else that needs to come before the Commission at this time? I didn't recognize Peter over there to the audience. Do you



have anything for the Commission, Peter?

MR. PETER DUFFY: Not really but I am going to have to get together with the Secretary on the appeal that is presently scheduled, a public appeal of the Bayou Dorcheat application that was denied. The record is now in complete form and under the rules we are to make it available for Mr. Brown who is intending to devote his time to it and prepare a brief.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would like to sit in on that if it is not going to take too long because it concerns me.

MR. DUFFY: And I would recommend that maybe sometime in the August meeting the appeal might be scheduled sometime in August.

That is the only thing I have.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very good. If there is no more business before the Commission, we stand adjourned, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you very much for your time.

(Whereupon, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.
the meeting was adjourned.)



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I, the undersigned reporter, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing (51 pages of typewritten matter) is a true and correct transcription of the tape recording and of the stenographic notes of the proceedings herein, transcribed by me, at the time and place hereinbefore noted.

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